

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

AUGUSTA SMITH,

Plaintiff,

-against-

UNIQUE PEOPLE SERVICES, INC.,

Defendant.

20cv04714 (DF)

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

DEBRA FREEMAN, United States Magistrate Judge:

In this action under the Fair Labor Standards Act and the New York Labor Law, which is before this Court on the consent of the parties pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), the parties, having reached an agreement in principle to resolve the action, have placed their proposed settlement agreement before the Court for approval. *See Cheeks v. Freeport Pancake House, Inc.*, 796 F.3d 1999 (2d Cir. 2015) (requiring judicial fairness review of FLSA settlements). Plaintiff has also submitted a letter to the Court, explaining why the parties believe the proposed settlement agreement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. (Dkt. 19.) The Court has reviewed Plaintiff's submission in order to determine whether the proposed agreement (Dkt. 19-1) represents a reasonable compromise of the claims asserted in this action, and, in light of the totality of the relevant circumstances, including the representations made in Plaintiff's letter, the terms of the proposed settlement agreement, and the Court's general familiarity with the action, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. The Court finds that the terms of the proposed settlement agreement are fair, reasonable, and adequate, both to redress Plaintiff's claims in this action and to compensate Plaintiff's counsel for their legal fees, and the agreement is therefore approved.

2. The Court notes that, while the parties have not expressly asked the Court to retain jurisdiction over this action for purposes of enforcing the settlement agreement, the terms of their agreement appear to contemplate this. (*See* Dkt. 19-1 ¶ 10.) In light of this, and in order to effectuate the apparent intent of the parties, this Court will retain jurisdiction over this matter for the purpose of enforcing the settlement agreement.

3. As a result of the Court's approval of the parties' executed settlement agreement, this action is hereby discontinued with prejudice and without costs or fees to any party. The Clerk of Court is directed to close this case on the Docket of the Court.

Dated: New York, New York
February 8, 2021

SO ORDERED



DEBRA FREEMAN
United States Magistrate Judge

Copies to:

All counsel (via ECF)